

WASHINGTON - Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a grant of \$94,716 to the Cummington Fire Department.

"This grant is a welcome contribution to maintaining the safety of firefighters, as well as the community they serve," said Olver.

Currently, none of the Cummington Fire Department's equipment meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

The grant was awarded through the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The program is a federal grant program that provides financial assistance to fire departments across the country.

The Cummington Fire Department is one of 89 departments across the country to receive funding from the program.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards one-year grants directly to local fire departments.

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